

Azure Tech Groups Leaders Update

Greetings Leann,

Happy October! We hope to see you all during Microsoft Ignite next week and cannot wait to hear what you loved about it! Here is a roundup of this month's highlights, interesting finds, and events that may interest or inspire you.

Interesting finds

Event: Microsoft Ignite | November 2–4

[Click here](#) to register, view the speaker lineup & agenda, and connect with the community.

Event: .NET Conf 2021 | November 9–11

Save the date for **#dotNETConf**, a free, online conference for everyone in the .NET community from beginners to seasoned engineers.

You can attend a local community event in your area running through January 31, 2022. Check out one of them: <https://www.dotnetconf.net/local-events>.

Explore the Speaker Ready series

Want to hear from experienced speakers on how they've improved their speaker skills, personal branding, and presentation expertise? Join us in the Speaker Ready series!

The Speaker Ready series is a year-round education/training series, targeted at speaker and moderator readiness for virtual events. This is a peer-driven program fostering speaker and moderator readiness.

Led by speakers, for speakers, the program is meant to be led by the community. Self-managed learning, community-driven training, and community collaboration (coaching, teaching, peer to peer mentorship, etc.) and leadership by peers in the Microsoft communities are key pillars of the program.

Check out the most recent episode, [Animate your presentation](#), in which MVP Ståle Hansen shows how to use the Morph feature to illustrate our presentations with interactive animations that will grab the audience's attention.

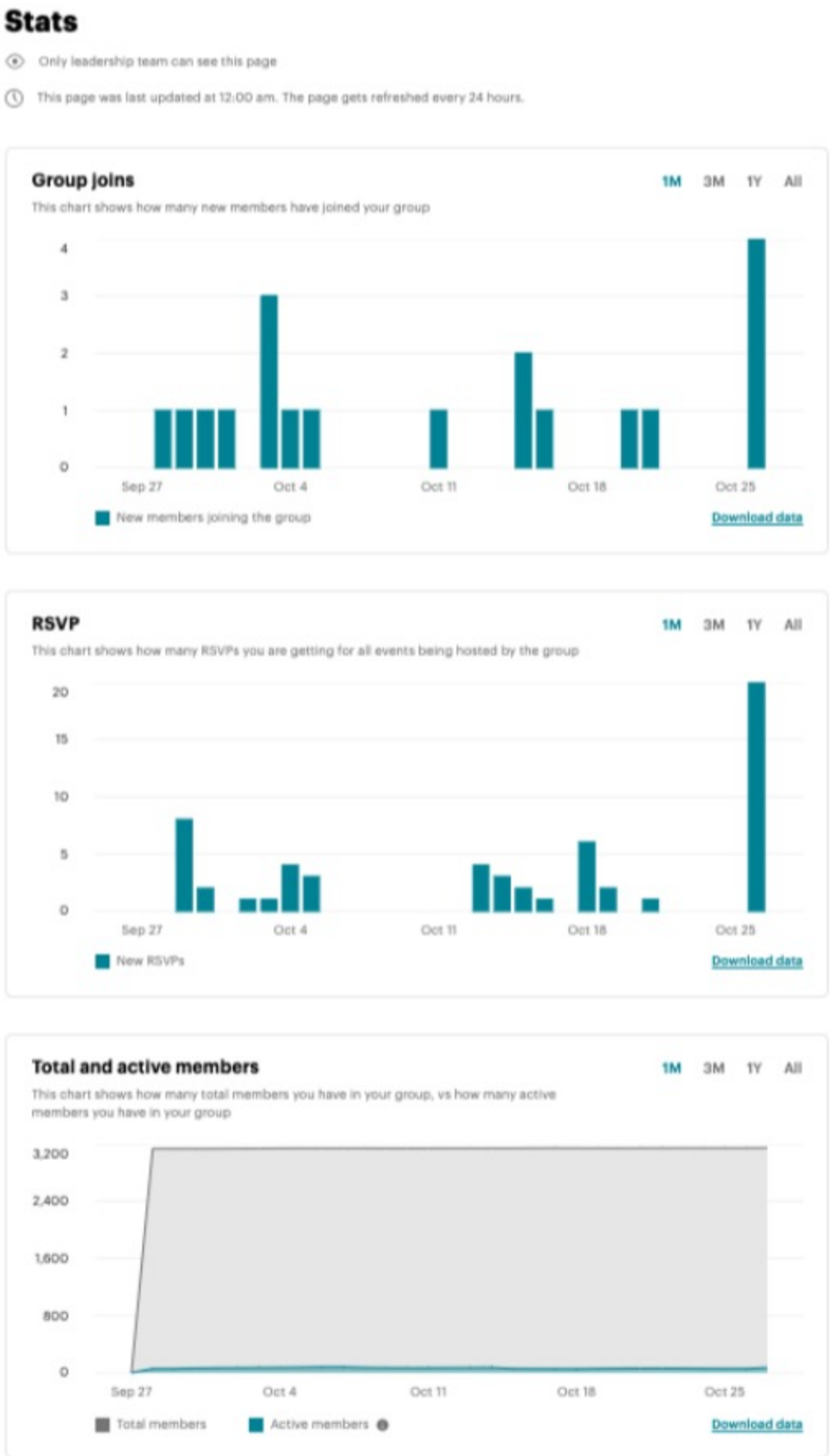
Check out all the Speaker Ready videos in the Channel9 [Speaker Ready hub](#).

News and tips from Meetup

Check out the new look of your Meetup group's Stats page

Meetup released a new version of the Stats page to help you get better insights into your group activity:

- Simplified design
- Faster charts
- Accurate numbers (we fixed a bug that was causing some discrepancies with the 'Total and active members' chart)
- The page is now exclusively viewable by the leadership team



A new organizer mobile app is on the way!

An app for organizers is in development now, and a semi-public beta is planned for later this year. Our current Meetup app doesn't have all the functionality that organizers need, so we're looking forward to your feedback to help us build just what you need. You can sign up to be a participant in our next user feedback session: <http://bit.ly/meetup-feedback-signup>.

Resources

Azure Tech Groups resources:

- [Azure Tech Groups – Leader's Hub](#)
- [Azure Tech Groups program guide](#)
- [Azure Tech Community GitHub](#)

Free tools to support meeting virtually:

- [Video meeting from Skype](#)
- [Microsoft Teams](#)

Newsletter archive

If you missed our last update (or any previous updates), you can visit our newsletter archive to find past editions.

- [Check out the archive](#)

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